

Plymouth Rock Center Of Music And Drama Looks To The Future

In the Plymouth Rock Centre of Music and Drama Duxbury has an institution of great potential than can add materially to our recreational and cultural values.

The Centre fulfills a life ambition of its remarkable director, David Blair McClosky, formerly of Kingston and now of Duxbury. Mr. McClosky, who is Professor of Singing at Boston University, launched this enterprise ten years ago in Plymouth. Four years ago the present corporation acquired the site developed by Duxbury Playhouse, Inc.

The Centre is primarily a school of music and art to enable graduate students to prove their ability and to help them find a place with orchestras and opera companies. Former Centre performers are now well placed in Boston, New York and elsewhere.

As a non-profit educational institution, the Centre is incorporated in Massachusetts as a tax-exempt institution. Gifts to it have credit on Federal Income Taxes.

Its History

The theatre site, once owned by White Bros., had a barn that was converted into a modern theatre with a large revolving stage, spacious lobbies and a seating capacity of 350. Players were housed in an ancient farmhouse and auxiliary buildings, some used as offices, dining room and kitchen. More than \$50,000 went into this property, and when it was transferred to the Centre, about \$20,000 of mortgage and other debts were assumed.

The Duxbury Playhouse, Inc., had failed to meet expenses. It was thought that the new organization, run as a school with tuition-paying students, would have enough revenue, including ticket sales, to pay expenses.

During his first two years, Mr. McClosky, aided by orchestra leader George Poinar, produced outstanding opera and concerts which were enthusiastically received by music lovers of the South Shore. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" was acclaimed as one of the best performances of this opera anywhere, including recordings made for TV.

With these performances, operating expenses were nearly covered, but repairs, improvements and new equipment increased costs. As a result, the enterprise was a continuing financial drain on its friends.

Prior to this season, many of the teaching staff were housed in Kingston cottages owned by Mr. McClosky. Women lived in the former farm residence. In moving to Duxbury, Mr. McClosky sold his Kingston cottages. Then, in 1953, the girls' dormitory burned to the ground and the adjoining building was badly damaged. Shortly thereafter, the Centre bought the White Bros. barn and converted it into a 27-room dormitory with facilities for 75 persons. Other parts of the Centre were refurbished and refurbished at a cost of \$42,000, of which \$6,500 came from fire insurance, \$8,000 from mortgage and

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Firemen's Ball

The Firemen have been busy canvassing the town this week with tickets for the dance to be held at Duxbury Yacht Club next Tuesday night. Dancing to Jay Mando's Orchestra begins at 8 o'clock.

Extra tickets or donations may be made by calling any of the following numbers: Artie Edwards, 454-W; Frank Roberts, 745-J; or Central Fire Station, 833.

SAVE RUMMAGE

The annual Girl Scout's Rummage Sale will be held at the Scout House near Hall's Corner on Sept. 24 and 25. Please save rummage and donate it to a good cause.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 30, the Scout House will be open for donations from 2 to 5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

AHOY! STRIPERS FINALLY FOUND

Duxbury anglers were getting discouraged. The stripers had been looking down their gills at lures all summer. But last week it was different. Two whoppers were hailed aboard by Foster Trainer and Wells Wilbor.

Trainer's bass weighed 28½ pounds, Wilbor's, 35 pounds. The Clipper reporter asked the usual question, got the usual answer. "Where did we get the stripers?" Foster Trainer said. "East of the buoy."

Win Prizes At Weymouth Fair

The largest poultry exhibit in the history of the Weymouth State Fair was held last week. Every member of the Duxbury 4-H Poultry Club received a share of the

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children, will be continued.

WANT TO HELP?

A large part of operating costs have been and will be covered by student fees, but, like any non-profit education institution, the Centre DOES need the support of the South Shore community. Increased attendance at performances is the answer. The Centre issues ten complimentary tickets for each gift of \$18 or \$14. A liberal subscription covering one or more units by all interested will insure the success of this unique institution.

It is hoped that South Shore residents will realize that the Plymouth Rock Centre of Music and Drama is primarily an educational institution which is contributing to the cultural life of America.

ELBERT A. HARVEY

Chairman of the Board of Directors

FINAL SALE SATURDAY

The last book and flower sale will be held from 10 to 12 noon next Saturday, with choice books and flowers available. There is a complete set of boys' books by Dixon waiting for some lucky youngster. Better come early.

The Day Alliance will have a special white elephant table with bargains.

Food Sale

The Evening Alliance food sale will also be held from 10 until 12 with culinary masterpieces by some of the best cooks in town.

Get your order for baked beans in by noon today. You have a choice of yellow eye, pea, kidney, navy and lima (with pork). If you want an onion added, mention it when you call Dux. 340 to place your order.

Mrs. C. Winthrop Bates is chairman of the food sale.

Heath-Blaney Team Brae Burn Winner

WEST NEWTON, Aug. 18 — Jack Heath of Duxbury and Bill Blaney scored a best ball of 68 to win the one-day Member-Guest Tournament at Brae Burn. Blaney had a 71 on his own ball.

Second gross went to Junior Anderson, Blue Hill, who had a 71, and O. Wikstrom, who combined for a 70.

T. Dowrie and M. Traymore, Haverhill, took low net honors with a 62, followed by O. Forte, Jr., and Henry Johnson, unattached, who were one stroke off the pace.

Parents Enjoy The Open House

On Wednesday afternoon Camp Saquish held its annual Open

INDIAN FETE IN PLYMOUTH

Members of the Improved Order of Red Men in southeastern Massachusetts will join with Accomack Tribe of Plymouth and some 20 original Wampanoag Indians from the reservations in Plymouth and Mashpee Saturday afternoon near Plymouth Rock to pay tribute to Chief Massasoit.

As part of an all-day Indian Day program, the Red Men and the Wampanoag will march through the streets of Plymouth at 3 p. m. Saturday to the Massasoit Statue on Cole's Hill where a colorful Indian ceremony will take place.

Seeking to raise funds to help the Wampanoags of Herring Pond (Plymouth) to renovate and repaint the Pondville Indian Baptist church on Herring Pond and one of three remaining Indian churches in Massachusetts, the Accomack Tribe will hold an auction in Memorial Hall at 10 a. m. followed by a sale of Indian articles. The march to the Massasoit Statue and the ceremony is scheduled from 3 to 4 p. m. and at 6 p. m. some 300 persons will sit down to a turkey supper prepared by the members of the Wampanoags who make up the membership of the little church. At 8:30 a moonlight sail will be enjoyed in Plymouth harbor aboard the Mary Ann VII leaving from the Plymouth State Pier.

Mrs. Elizabeth Webquist (Princess Blue Eagle) of Sandwich, ruler of the Herring Pond Indians will be a guest at Saturday's program as will be Chief Nighthawk of the Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts. Chief Nighthawk will give the invocation at the Massasoit ceremony in Indian dialect.

NEW BERRYBROOK SCHOOL TO OPEN

The newly established Berrybrook School on Winter St., Duxbury, will be ready for inspection soon. Extensive repairs are being made on the old Mol-Kish farmhouse to provide for maximum safety and varied activities for the children. Ample outdoor space will be well equipped with modern apparatus.

Everyone interested is invited (Continued on page 10)

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Loo Boyle, Owner

Thursday, August 26, 1954

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 \$18,500 from friends. Today the property represents an investment of \$80,000.

The property, located on Duxbury Bay, is unique. Its buildings and facilities are rated as the best of any summer theatre in New England, New York and New Jersey. It should attract outstanding students.

NEXT YEAR'S GOAL

This summer, with opera and drama alternating, the orchestra has not attained its former excellence, and instead of increasing attendance, the plays have added greatly to costs.

Next season, therefore, drama will be eliminated to give a greater opportunity to justify the conviction of Mr. Poinar, recognized as one of America's great musicians, that the Centre will attract outstanding students from musical conservatories. He plans to concentrate on performances of a small orchestra and chamber music of the calibre of the concert given at Mrs. George Putnam Metcalf's home on Aug. 17, a concert that drew warm applause from a large Duxbury group.

The plant and equipment are now such that few if any capital expenditures will be needed in the near future. It is now possible to count on attracting the students and teachers necessary to supply the type of opera and concerts for which this community has indicated a preference. Matinees that have proven so popular with